AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

a read-out control means for controlling the reading, from a data recording medium, of attribute data indicating an attribute of data recorded on [[a]] the data recording medium from the data recording medium;

a determination means for determining, based on the attribute data, whether the data recorded on the data recording medium is display data for displaying one static image for a predetermined period of time or is display data for displaying a plurality of static images in a predetermined order one by one at a predetermined interval based on the read-out attribute data; and

a delete control means for controlling the deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data from the data recording medium if it is determined that the data recorded on the data recording medium is the display data.

2. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the determination means determines whether data recorded at a rearmost end of a logical recording space on the data recording medium is the display data, and

the delete control means controls deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data recorded at the rearmost end of the logical recording space of the data recording medium.

3. (Currently amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein the read-out control means controls the reading of the attribute data from the data recording medium so as to read from the data recording medium the attribute data indicating an attribute of data recorded at a rearmost end of a logical recording

~~space of the data recording medium~~ when the data recording medium is mounted or when the read-out control means is started up, and

the delete control means controls the deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data ~~recorded at the rearmost end of the logical recording space of the data recording medium if it is determined that the data recorded on the data recording medium is the display data~~ when the data recording medium is mounted or the delete control means is started up.

4.   (Currently amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display control means for controlling ~~image~~ the display ~~so as to display an image~~ of a prompt for acquiring an instruction for deleting the display data from a user if it is determined that the data recorded on the data recording medium is the display data; and

an input control means for acquiring the instruction from the user,

wherein the delete control means controls the deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data from the data recording medium if deletion of the display data is specified by the user.

5.   (Currently amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

a recording control means for controlling recording onto the data recording medium,

wherein when the deletion of the display data is not specified by the user, the recording control means ~~so as to~~ prevents the recording of data onto the data recording medium ~~if deletion of the display data is not specified by the user,~~

wherein ~~and~~ the delete control means controls the deletion of data from the data recording medium so as not to delete the display data from the data recording medium ~~if deletion of the display data is not specified by the user~~.

6.   (Currently amended) A recording method comprising:

~~a read-out control step of~~ controlling <u>the</u> reading<u>, from a data recording medium,</u> of attribute data indicating an attribute of data recorded on [[a]] <u>the</u> data recording medium ~~from the data recording medium~~;

~~a determination step of~~ determining<u>, based on the attribute data,</u> whether the data recorded on the data recording medium is display data for displaying one static image for a predetermined period of time or <u>is</u> display data for displaying a plurality of static images in a predetermined order one by one at a predetermined interval ~~based on the read-out attribute data~~; and

~~a delete control step of~~ controlling <u>the</u> deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data from the data recording medium if it is determined that the data recorded on the data recording medium is the display data.

7.   (Currently amended) A recording medium storing a program for causing a computer to perform recording processing comprising:

~~a read-out control step of~~ controlling <u>the</u> reading<u>, from a data recording medium,</u> of attribute data indicating an attribute of data recorded on [[a]] <u>the</u> data recording medium ~~from the data recording medium~~;

~~a determination step of~~ determining<u>, based on the attribute data,</u> whether the data recorded on the data recording medium is display data for displaying one static image for a predetermined period of time or <u>is</u> display data for displaying a plurality of static images in a predetermined order one by one at a predetermined interval ~~based on the read-out attribute data~~; and

~~a delete control step of~~ controlling <u>the</u> deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data from the data recording medium if it is determined that the data recorded on the data recording medium is the display data.

8.   (Currently amended) A program, stored on a computer-readable storage device, for causing a computer to execute:

a read-out control step of controlling the reading, from a data recording medium, of attribute data indicating an attribute of data recorded on [[a]] the data recording medium from the data recording medium;

a determination step of determining, based on the attribute data, whether the data recorded on the data recording medium is display data for displaying one static image for a predetermined period of time or is display data for displaying a plurality of static images in a predetermined order one by one at a predetermined interval based on the read-out attribute data; and

a delete control step of controlling the deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data from the data recording medium if it is determined that the data recorded on the data recording medium is the display data.

9.   (New) The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

determining whether data recorded at a rearmost end of a logical recording space on the data recording medium is the display data, and

controlling the deletion of data from the data recording medium so as to delete the display data recorded at the rearmost end of the logical recording space of the data recording medium.

10.   (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein controlling the reading of the attribute data from the data recording medium occurs when the data recording medium is mounted or when the read-out control means is started up, and controlling the deletion of data from the data recording medium occurs when the data recording medium is mounted or the delete control means is started up.

11.   (New) The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

controlling the display of a prompt for acquiring an instruction for deleting the display data from a user if it is determined that the data recorded on the data recording medium is the display data;

acquiring the instruction from the user; and

when the user specifies deletion of the display data, controlling the deletion of data from the data recording medium comprises deleting the display data from the data recording medium.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein when the deletion of the display data is not specified by the user, the method further comprises preventing the recording of data onto the data recording medium; and the controlling the deletion of data from the data recording medium comprises not deleting the display data from the data recording medium.